

## Chapter 2 –Odes

This collection of poems includes odes to various objects, ideas and organizations. Again, her subjects show what was important to Bernice and her community.

The first two poems are included here because they set the tone of acknowledging the creative process itself. The rest are historic references that most people today wouldn't know about. Two poems about the Baltic refer to the Second Polish Republic's access to the Baltic Sea, which was economically important to the newly formed country, but also provided the rationale for Germany's resentment and eventual invasion. The remainder of the dedications are to organizations that were part of Bernice's life in 1930's Chicago.

"Salute to the Chicago Journal!" honors one of her publishers. Newspapers were the social media of the day and foreign language papers were especially important to their communities. It is nice to know that by printing her poems, these publications allowed Bernice to share her thoughts and hopes with others.



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